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for his fall from power. I believe it very important for our future relations here to convey impression as quickly as possible that US in no way opposes his take over, so long as we are convinced change of regime is purely internal ~~affair~~ ^{affair}. As Dept will recall from Refs D, E and F, Daud sought probe US attitudes toward possible takeover in spring of 1972, to which we gave general, though not negative, reply.

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